

My Upcoming Meetings

Voting Allocation Task Force

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Metro Vancouver Board

Friday, February 23, 2018

Electoral Area Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Climate Action Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Regional Planning Committee

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mayors Committee

Friday, March 9, 2018



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Committee & External Appointments

In 2018, I will continue to serve at Metro Vancouver as the Chair of the Electoral Area Committee, and as a member of the Mayors Committee and the Climate Action Committee. I have also been appointed to the Regional Planning Committee and the new Voting Allocation Task Force. Additionally, I will continue as a member of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board and have been appointed at the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to serve as a member of a new Planning Committee.

UBC Cliff Erosion Study

The erosion of the cliffs on the western and northern margins of the Point Grey Peninsula is of ongoing concern. Erosion has accelerated significantly in the last hundred years due to storm water overflows, tides, uprooted trees, groundwater seepage, and human activity. The erosion potentially threatens infrastructure, roads, and several buildings.

In some areas, the cliffs have eroded to within close proximity of Northwest Marine Drive, with the potential to affect both the road and a UBC sewer line. Additionally, the erosion threatens wildlife habitats, including a large heron nesting site, and has implications for the Musqueam First Nation, as it is within their ancestral territory.

Collaborative efforts involving UBC, the UEL Administration, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Metro Vancouver are ongoing to investigate cliff erosion along Northwest Marine Drive in proximity to Wesbrook Crescent.

Several studies are planned for 2018 to better understand the erosion and to plan for mitigation. These projects are pending approval from the relevant authorities. Additional information will be provided in the next few months, as the plans take shape.



Transportation and Public Transit

Mobility Pricing Independent Commission

On January 16, the Mobility Pricing Independent Commission released a report on Phase 1 of the *It's Time* project. *It's Time* is a multi-phase research and public engagement project exploring how decongestion charging could work in Metro Vancouver.

The report includes:

- research on Metro Vancouver's traffic congestion issues;
- research on possible decongestion charging approaches;
- key learnings from other jurisdictions around the world; and
- feedback from public and stakeholder engagement conducted in fall 2017.

Ten different decongestion charging approaches were evaluated. Two of the approaches were determined to have the greatest potential for further study:

- Congestion point charges, an umbrella term that includes a system of point charges (charging vehicles when passing a defined point or location, such as a busy section of road, a bridge, or a tunnel), and cordon charges (charging vehicles when passing through entries to, or exits from, a defined area); and
- Distance-based charges varying by time and location, meaning that some locations and times could have a higher \$/km charge at busy times of day.

On February 1, the Commission released seven examples, with maps, showing how decongestion charging could work in Metro Vancouver. These are intended to form the basis for discussion in the next round of engagement.

The Phase 1 report, a summary report (in several languages), and the examples are available from the [Commission's Research and Reports page](#).

Online public engagement begins February 22. You can take part, and also sign up for Commission updates, [here](#).

<https://www.itstimemv.ca/research-and-reports.html>

<https://www.itstimemv.ca/have-your-say.html>

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

At its public meeting on January 25, the Mayors' Council reaffirmed its commitment to implement Phase Two of the Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision for Transit and Transportation. Phase Two includes the Millennium Line Broadway Extension (i.e., the Broadway subway), Surrey Light Rail Transit, upgrades to SkyTrain, and other improvements.

If the timeline in the agenda package for the public meeting is adhered to, all funding for Phase Two will be lined up by the end of March. Assuming that the provincial government agrees to the requested 40% contribution to the cost of the new transit projects, the regional funding gap stands at \$60 to \$80 million per year. One or more funding sources remain to be identified to fill this gap. The timeline shows the rapid transit projects launching in July of this year.

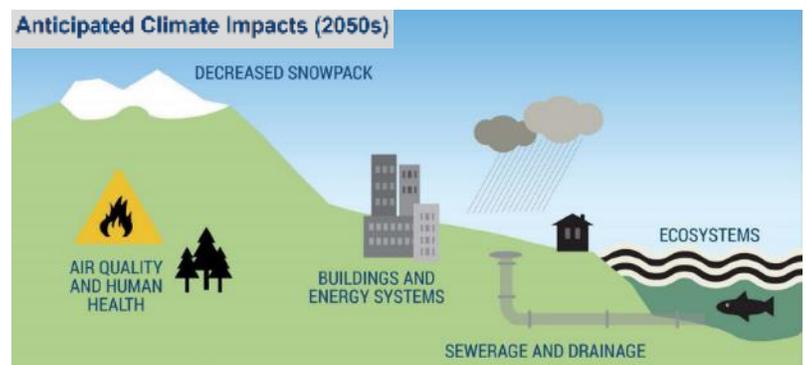
Climate 2050 Discussion Paper

For nearly two decades, Metro Vancouver has demonstrated leadership in the region's response to climate change. Climate change adaptation and effective mitigation measures have been foundational strategic priorities embedded throughout Metro Vancouver management plans for more than 15 years, and substantive progress has been made across the organization to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to lower the corporate carbon footprint.

Metro Vancouver is now consolidating all its efforts into a comprehensive Climate 2050 Strategy.

Presented at the January 26, 2018 Metro Vancouver Board meeting, the draft Climate 2050 Discussion Paper proposes an overarching climate action strategy for Metro Vancouver and focuses on the region's vision and goals to both reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate impacts. This conceptual framework is intended to launch a dialogue on how best to pursue the regional greenhouse gas reduction target of 80 percent below 2007 by 2050.

The draft Discussion Paper summarizes the projected climate impacts in the region, identifies the main sources of GHG emissions, and describes Metro Vancouver's current actions on climate change. It also points to next steps, which include the development of a vision statement and guiding principles, identification of issue areas, and engagement with key stakeholders in the region.



The Climate 2050 Strategy will be prepared in stages, progressively incorporating feedback from the Climate Action Committee, the Metro Vancouver Board and others. Once the Discussion Paper has been finalized by the Board, engagement will begin with key stakeholders, which include Metro Vancouver member jurisdictions, partner agencies from other orders of government, public sector organizations, TransLink and energy utilities, academics and non-governmental organizations, business and industry, and members of the public.

The results of the engagement process are anticipated to be presented to the Metro Vancouver Board for its consideration in the third quarter of 2018.

Upcoming Events



FAMILY DAY CAMPFIRE - PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK

Monday February 12, 2018, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

FREE EVENT - Drop by a cozy campfire and learn about nearby nature through story and song. Bring a mug for a taste of hot chocolate. Meet at park entrance on 16th Avenue, 400 meters west of Blanca Street.

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/calendar/vancouver/886/family-day-campfire>



SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - TOOLS FOR THE ARTS & CULTURE COMMUNITY

Wednesday February 14, 2018, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

BCIT downtown campus (555 Seymour Street, Vancouver)

Our region is home to a vibrant arts and culture community formed by hundreds of organizations – small, medium and large. Provincial, regional and municipal organizations are working together in new ways to advance arts and culture across the region. Join us to learn about online tools such as MAXguide and SpaceFinderBC, Metro Vancouver's Regional Projects Grants program, and the North Shore Cultural Mapping Project – an initiative led by the North Vancouver Community Arts Council that was recently awarded \$421,000 from the Strategic Initiatives component of the Canada Cultural Investment Fund (CCIF).

Speakers and Panellists:

- Brenda Leadlay, Executive Director, BC Alliance for Arts + Culture
- Rhiannon Herbert, Outreach + Database Coordinator, BC Alliance for Arts + Culture
- Judy Robertson, Outreach Coordinator, External Relations Department, Metro Vancouver
- Nancy Cottingham Powell, Executive Director, North Vancouver Community Arts Council

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/events/community-breakfasts/>

Media

Metro Vancouver Close Up



Metro Vancouver Close Up shows how municipalities and community groups are promoting sustainability and shared regional goals. New videos are posted each month. To see sustainability stories about Metro Vancouver, you can search "Metro Vancouver Close Up" at metrovancover.org or follow metrovancoverblog.org.

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Pallisade Lake Weather Station bolstered
The Pallisade Lake Weather Station, part of an extensive network of automated weather stations within the region's watersheds, has been given a much needed makeover.

Regional Parks land acquisition funds growth
Metro Vancouver's regional parks are getting a boost after the Board agreed to double its annual tax requisition land acquisition program to protect more natural areas across the region.

Construction underway on South Surrey Interceptor
The South Surrey Interceptor is getting an upgrade to meet the demands of significant growth.

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Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

www.translink.ca/en/About-Us/Governance-and-Board/Mayors-Council.aspx

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www.ubcm.ca

University Neighbourhoods Association

www.myuna.ca

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